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Butler's Kristy Tabor has a shot stuffed by a swarm of Hutchinson players at a game in the Power Plant in January. The Lady Grizzlies went on to win, 65-60.

At the end of January, their record was 6-2 in the conference and 14-6 overall.

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Searcy Duncan celebrates after Butler defeated the Bronc Busters in Garden City on October 10. The win was first of three crucial victories on the Grizzlies' way to a national title.
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Focus. Discipline. Respect. Self-control. That's what James Davis says it takes to succeed in martial arts, and he plans on practicing what he preaches as he fights his way to the top of the Karate world.

He's a man on a mission.

It's his mission to be the best in martial arts. Not just in El Dorado or Kansas. Not just in the Midwest. Not just in the United States, either. He wants to be the best martial arts fighter in the world. Period. That's all. No biggie.

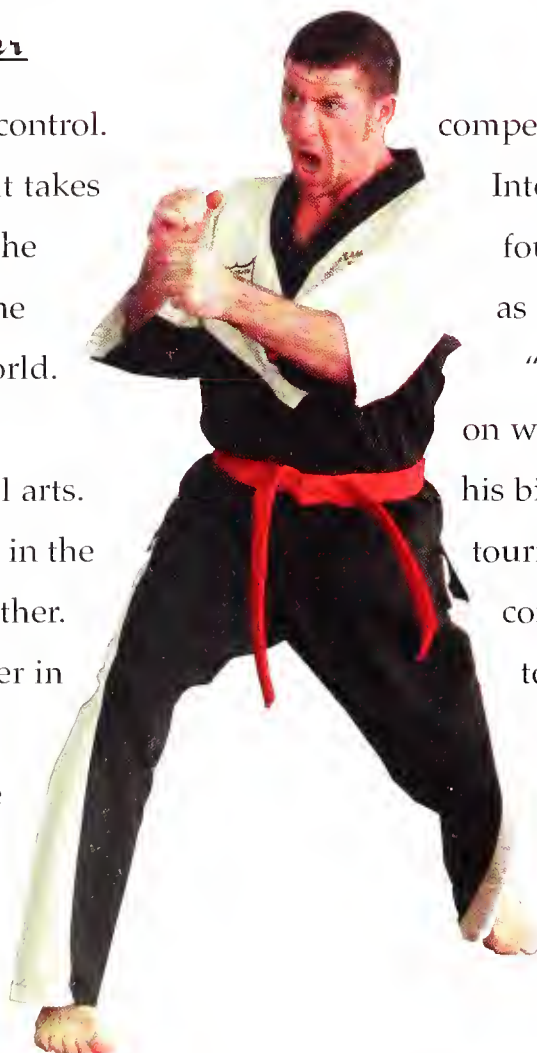
And the 24-year-old Butler sophomore continued that quest in January when he flew down to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, to

Photos by Justin Hayworth

compete in the internationally-televised Caribbean International Martial Arts Games, where he fought some of the best fighters on the planet as a member of Team USA.

"It doesn't matter if I fight 10 or one, I plan on winning," Davis said before leaving Jan. 14 – his birthday – for Jamaica and the week-long tournament. "When I go to a tournament, I'm competing against myself, not the other guy, to be the best that I can be."

In Jamaica, Davis won a silver medal. After winning his first two fights handily, Davis was disqualified in the finals match as he was going for the gold. "The guy I



was fighting didn't beat me. I beat myself," Davis explains. Organizers of the tournament were worried about safety in the contact sport, and Davis says, overly concerned. "A lot of good fighters were disqualified because they weren't used to such precaution."

Davis' road to martial arts success began when he was a third grader, enrolled in a Henderson, Nev., Boys Club Judo class. He messed around with that for a little over a year before dropping it altogether. In middle school he took Tae Kwon Do lessons for another year.

Neither Judo nor Tae Kwon Do factored into his life until 1996. Working out of El Dorado as a subcontractor who redesigned gas stations, Davis was on the job in Atlanta during the Olympics when he heard about a local

A year of hard work has paid off for James Davis, seen here working out in downtown El Dorado. After a hiatus from the sport, Davis got back into Karate a year ago and has advanced all the way up to a red belt, just one short of a black. "Just because you possess a certain color belt doesn't guarantee you're going to be a good fighter. That's why I focus on just trying to improve myself," Davis says.

Tae Kwon Do tournament. He went over to check it out, and when he saw the competition, he decided to enter as a green belt. (According to Davis, in the martial arts proficiency is measured and "belts" of competency are awarded to students who master techniques, and self-defense moves. In order of expertise, from lowest to highest, are the white, yellow, green, blue, red, and black belts. Davis says it generally takes three to six months of intense training to move up a belt.)





Davis, the green belt, won the tournament. It was a turning point in his life.

"That sparked me," he remembers. "It made me want to move home to settle down, go back to school and get involved in martial arts again."

To get REAL involved in martial arts again.

Moving was no big deal. Butler handled the school part, and Dave Estes of El Dorado Martial Arts in downtown El

Dorado handled the rest. Davis calls Estes his Sensei (sen-say), or teacher of American Freestyle Karate, which is now Davis' fuel on his fire.

In one year, Davis has been training and working out from six to eight times a week to become the best fighter he can become. Private lessons, daily fighting, weightlifting, aerobics, jumping rope and the ritualistic working on technique are all part of his equation to find big-time



success.

"When I first met Mr. Dave Estes, he gave me an overview about what it was all about. We started sparring from day one, and we've been doing it daily ever since."

Davis, in less than a year, has moved up from a white to blue belt, and in regional competition in Wichita, Lawrence, Kansas City, Joplin, Hays and McPherson, he generally competes against black belts. In 10 tournaments



A beam of sunlight shines on James Davis' face as he twirls the punching ball with his fists, left. Above, Davis works with his instructor – called a 'sensei' – Dave Estes during a daily workout at the El Dorado Martial Arts Center.

in 1998—remember, he just began this seriously last January—he has finished first place eight times, second place twice, and on two occasions he was Black Belt Grand Champion, meaning not only did he fight up in class against black belts, he beat the best of the black belts at those tournaments.

Modestly, James Davis waxes philosophically about the color of belts. "Just because you possess a certain color belt doesn't guarantee you're going to be a good fighter. That's why I focus on just trying to improve myself, not on beating the competition."

He says Sensei Estes encourages him to fight against competitors who supposedly have more experience and better technique so that Davis will learn from good fighters, not bad ones. For the international competition in Jamaica, he qualified to fight as a red belt.

"If I want to be recognized as one of the best in the world, I have to move out to the coast," Davis says. "I see myself moving out to California where I might be able to attract attention to myself and get some team sponsors that would allow me to get more national and international fights."

"In the long run, I see myself opening up a martial arts school. But before that I want to be one of the best. That's my main focus at the present time."



Y2K^{at} BCCC

Can Butler handle the new year? Officials say yes.

Story by Kristy Egbert • Photo illustration by Chris Lawrie



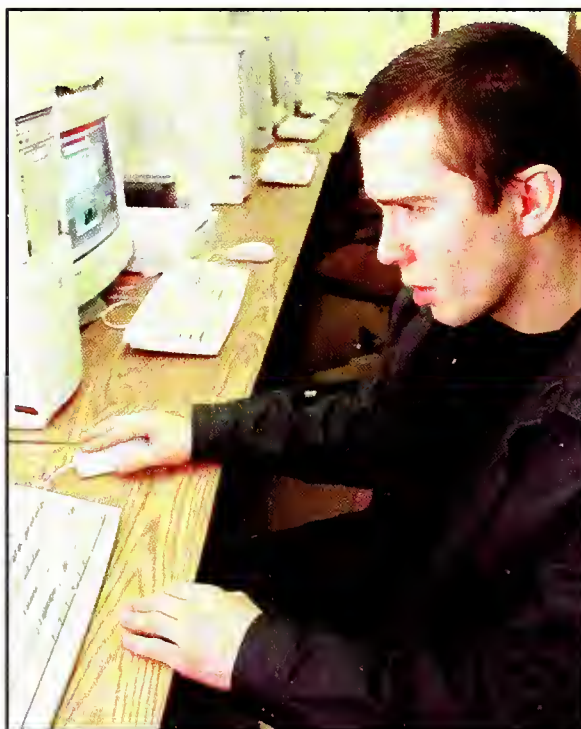
Year 2000 paranoia is sweeping the country. Why are so many people paranoid? Because Y2K critics say it is going to bring about a technological Armageddon, so to speak. All is quiet on Butler's midwestern front regarding the Y2K computer bug. So the question on inquiring minds is, if there is a problem, can Butler survive?

That's a good question.

About 30 years ago computer programmers designated computer date codes in six digits rather than eight to save expensive memory. Having the computer assume a (19) in the year spot seemed like a good decision, at least at the time. Newer computers are built with a four-digit year, so they are compliant with Y2K. But older machines and programs still could be useless come the turn of the century. On those machines at midnight on January 1, 2000, the date will read 01/01/00. Since a (19) is assumed by the computers they could interpret 01/01/00 as January 1, 1900, hence the nightmare begins.

People, of course, will know that the "00" stands for 2000, however the hardware in those computers will not understand the new meaning, and

unless they are fixed or replaced they could fail at the turn of the century. The computers could fail in one of three ways: they will reject legitimate entries, compute erroneous results or just simply not run. Now, to anyone



who knows computers or relies on them to get through their daily lives, this is pretty scary news.

Mainframe computers run just about everything in our country -- air traffic control, banks, railroads, public utilities, telephone lines, military communication, Social Security, Medicare,

the financial markets and more. Basically, we're almost completely dependent on computer systems that are subject to the Y2K bug.

Year 2000-induced failures may have a severe impact on their ability

"It will be the end of the world and the charred bodies will litter the streets."

~freshman BJ Woodside

to deliver critical services, such as the nation's air transportation may face major delays and disruptions because airlines may not be able to file flight plans with the Federal Aviation Administration. Taxpayers may not receive timely tax refunds because the Internal Revenue Service may be unable to process their returns. Payments to retirees and veterans may be delayed or disrupted by the failure of the nation's benefit payment system. Plenty more could go wrong as well, including power outages due to the failure of power grids. Something of great importance to most of the people reading this is the fact that college students may not receive their educational loans promptly.

Whatever happens on the first day of 2000, Butler will be OK. Right now, the college is in the middle of a software implementation. The search for a replacement began in 1996, partly because of Y2K, but the more important reason was the fact that the current software is old and outdated. All the software is going to be switched over to Banner 2000 that was pur-



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~freshman Quentin Shackelford

'...life will go on, and I'll be running my train set on January 1, 2000.'

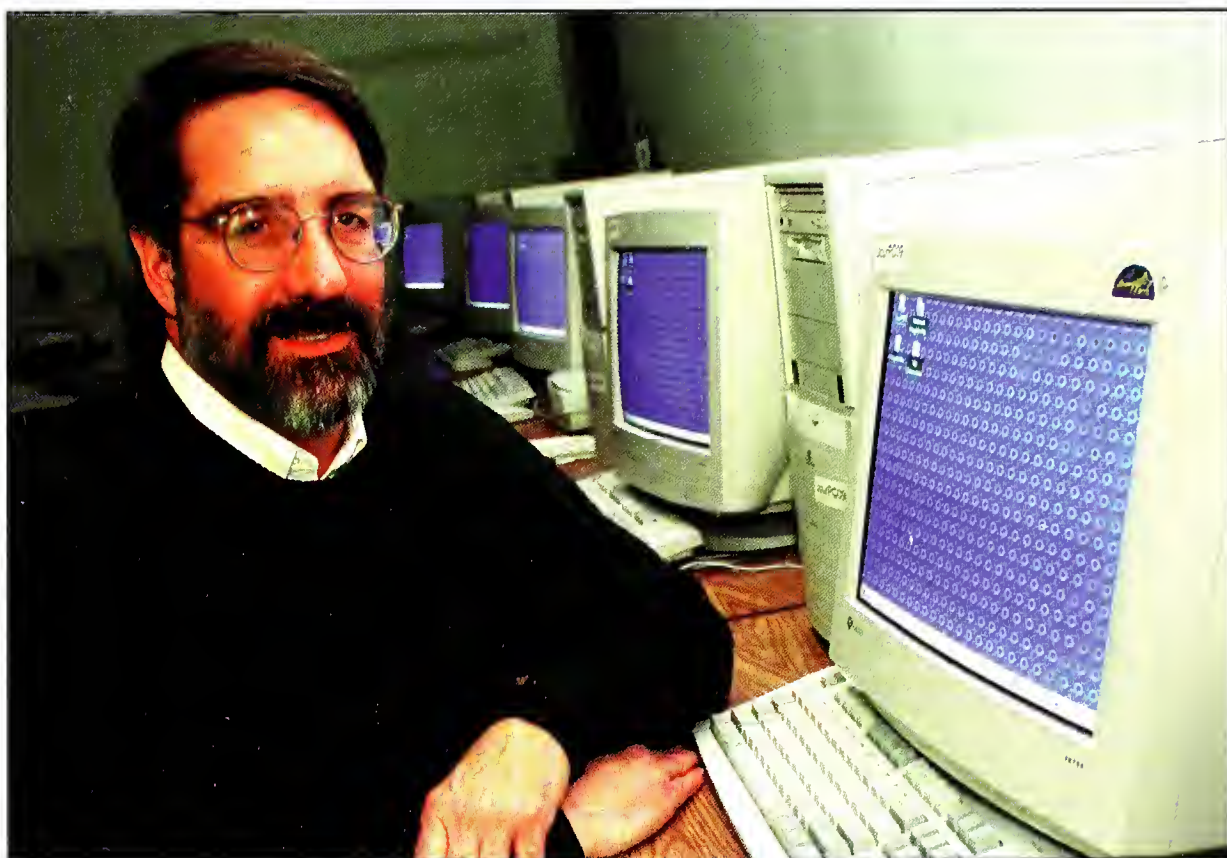
~Tom Erwin, Butler's chief information officer

chased from the SCT corporation. A Hewlett Packard 9000 computer was also purchased to run it. Both are Y2K compliant. Y2K and outdated appliances were primary reasons for the earlier implementation of the new software. Y2K just pushed the timeline. It usually takes three years to implement a system and Butler's been able to cut it in half, down to 18 months. Software that is Y2K compliant is progressively being installed in the computer labs and workstations and will continue to be through out this next fiscal year.

Tom Erwin, the chief information officer of Butler, is one of many who plan, design, install and support the infotech system at Butler. He's more worried about people's reactions to Y2K, rather than the bug itself. "A lot of religious views are coming into play, like Armageddon. My biggest fear is people's reaction to the Y2K thing; they become alarmist, very fearful. I wonder how everyone is going to react to the media frenzy. The best advice I heard was to prepare for Y2K like you would prepare for a normal storm that would knock out the power for a night," Erwin says.

There's a lot of information floating around out there that is not valid; people don't know or can't tell whether it's fact or fiction. Of course, people have to expect a few inconveniences. The internet has been a huge tool in informing people about Y2K, unfortunately as much of it is hoopla as it is fact.

"Essentially, you either fix it or replace it; we chose to replace it. That's the basic decision people are going to have to deal with. I try to keep informed, I take a lot of magazines and periodicals on Y2K. The better informed people can be about it all, the better, rational conclusions they can come to," Erwin says.



Butler's early start on this problem, enabling the college to push ahead into the new century, has a positive impact. It's helped to update equipment and given technology a push that may not have occurred otherwise.

Taking some precautions has been advised like hoarding cash, food, water, fuel and medical supplies by December 31, 1999. Some people have taken it as far as buying power generators, building dwellings underground or in the mountains and storing massive amounts of food. "Personally, I think people are little extreme about the food, but at least they can eat it," Erwin says.

This whole Y2K business has either got people worried and panicked, or just plain muffed about all of the hype and attention it's getting when there is really nothing to worry about. Butler freshman BJ Woodside is taking one side of the Y2K debate.

"It will be the end of the world and the charred bodies will litter the streets," he says.

Others, including freshman

Quentin Shackelford, believe the whole thing is blown out of proportion. "All would be well with the world if the media didn't play to people's petty emotions by worrying about murder, madness, mayhem and wide-spread panic. We invented time, so why do we fear it? The year 2000 will come and go just like any other year," Shackelford says. "I'm befuddled by the mass hysteria."

However devastating Y2K seems, it has been said that any serious year 2000-related computer problems that happen after midnight on December 31, 1999, should be repaired within days or even hours of the problem. Luckily, New Year's Eve 1999 falls on a Friday, leaving the weekend to recuperate.

"I'm a very optimistic person, I have some faith in our systems and the people addressing the issue," Erwin says. "But I think it'll be OK, we'll just have some minor inconveniences."

"All in all we'll be OK, life will go on, and I'll be running my train set on January 1, 2000."

Choo-choo. We can only hope.

...befuddled by the mass hysteria."



THE **ULTIMATE** EXPRESSION BY KIM GAINES

The lights dark and the cold auditorium soon became the arena in which a dozen silhouetted bodies dashed across the backdrop. Artificial smoke rose from the floors slightly obscuring even the best view in the house.

A little bit later, the stage lights are dimmed again, and the sound of a fetal heartbeat echoes off the walls. A spotlight appears and shines on the dancer awaiting her first cue. Throughout the performance, the dancer moves with the music and the sound of a mother's voice.

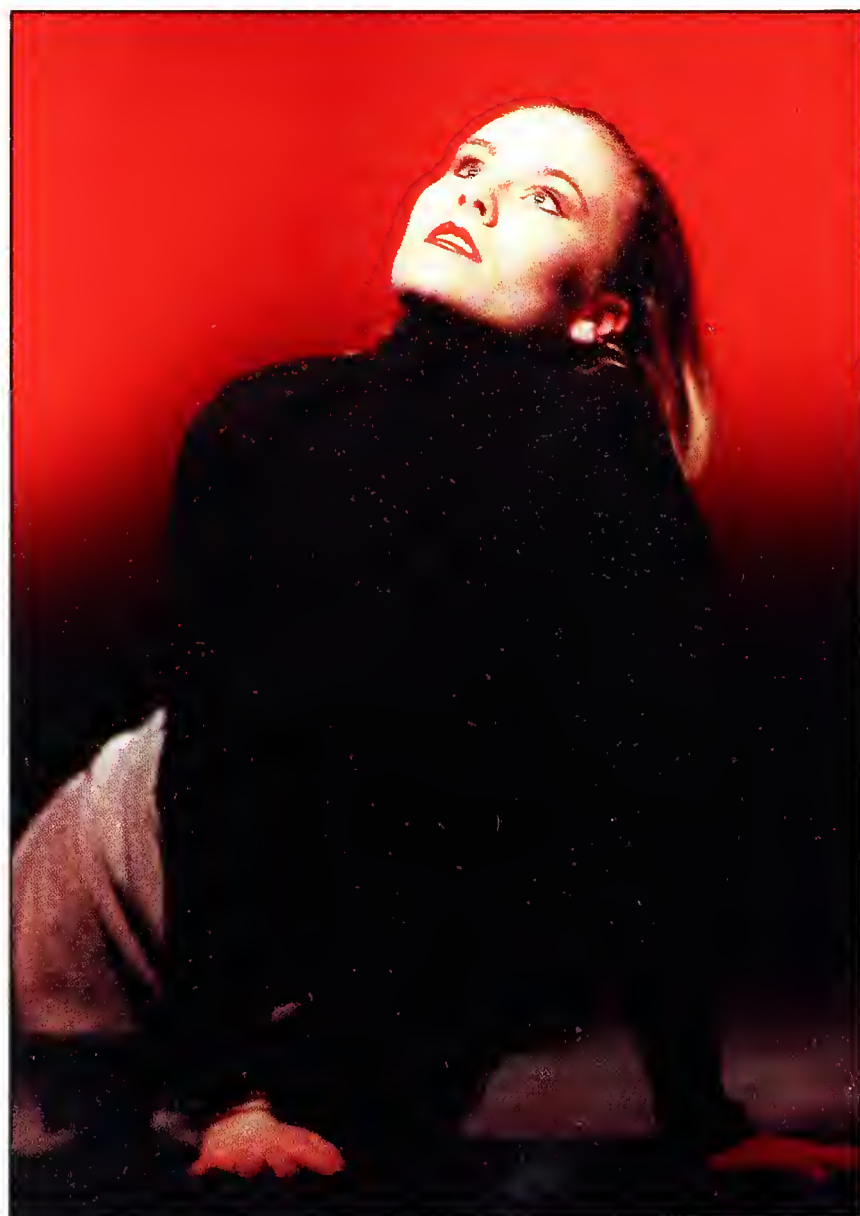
When Cheyla Cabrales was asked two years ago to choreograph a dance, she had just met her biological parents and was eight months pregnant.

"I was very emotional," she remembers. "But dance is an emotional medium for me; I use it to get out what I don't want to say aloud."

The Butler dance instructor has gone through a lot in her life, including knowing at age five that she was adopted. "Although, I feel like knowing from that age on was good," Cabrales says.

Still family-oriented, Cabrales calls her adoptive mother her mom. "Anybody can have a child, not everybody can be a good parent. How different my life would have been—I grew up the oldest but would have been the youngest—not that I would give up my family now, or my biological family."

"Having a child was so significant to me," Cabrales says.



She was excited, but a little afraid, like all first-time mothers. "But I didn't think I knew anything about that."

And she wanted to tell the world just what she was going through. "I had a lot of fears that I wouldn't be able to communicate how I felt to my child. It was because I was very reclusive most of my life."

And thus, "Quiera" was born—the dance and the child. "Quiera" was performed by Kerri Wayland, a talented Augusta High School student, with a music layover that included Cabrales' voice, the sounds of a fetal heartbeat, and soft music wafting in and out.

The dance which was one of many performed at *Are You Ready?*—the Fall Dance concert in December.

All the other performances in the fall concert, except the title piece, were choreographed by Cabrales. "Are You Ready?"—the dance, choreographed by Jonathan Lewis at the NCA Dance Co.—was a hip-hop, jazz kind of piece that got the crowd involved.

All of the other dance pieces were different, though choreographed by the same person. "Between the Lines" was the second piece performed. It was a dance theater piece that consisted of an actor, John Sommerhauser, and a dancer, Cabrales. "Wake Up" was a ballet piece performed by the beginning ballet class. "Yours" was a solo of modern dance performed by Seth Stone.

The next performance was "Dear Me," with Cabrales on stage performing a modern dance with a chair incorporated into the choreography, with three male dancers joining in out in the audience.

"'Dear Me' was my favorite, because you can express yourself in your own way; your own interpretation. Dance doesn't have set boundaries," Seth Reimer, who also danced in "Are You Ready?", says.

There were also two more group performances. One was a tap-dance piece with six women performing in it. "Everybody Else" is a modern dance performed by five women. It was the only dance that Cabrales held auditions for.

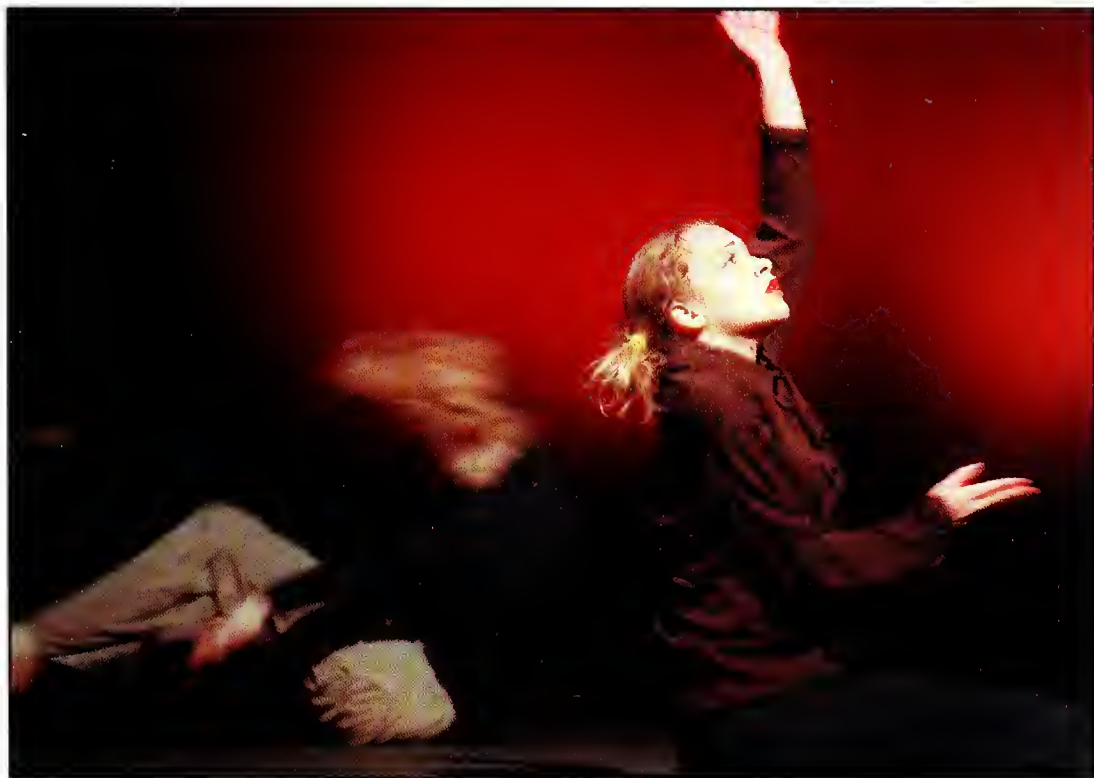
“Dance is an emotional medium for me; I use it to get out what I don't want to say aloud.”



"I go into a different state of mind when I dance," says Tina Sayre, who performed in the concert. "Because I'm focusing on one thing—the dance and how it makes me feel."

And that's just what Cabrales was trying to accomplish.

"Through my choreography, I'm trying to give the students a more artistic view of dance, to expose them to more genres of dance," Cabrales explains.



Opposite page top: Kerri Wayland, an Augusta High School student, performs Cheyla Cabrales' dance "Quiera," a tribute to her daughter. Photo by Justin Hayworth.

Opposite page bottom: The spotlight catches Tina Sayre's face in a dance titled "Everybody Else." Photo by Justin Hayworth.

Left: Tina Sayre and Lacy Kerr perform more artistic moves in *Are You Ready*. Photo by Mike Shepherd.



‘What A Mess’

Story and photos by Mike Shepherd

Chances are, he didn’t lose it, he just can’t find it. And by taking a look inside the office of Bill Bidwell–Butler’s seemingly forgetful instructor—it’s easy to see why.

If you can open the door. The door opens in, but only to 40 degrees, less than half of what it is supposed to. But it’s enough for him to slide in. Eight years in room 128 has been plenty of time for Bidwell to fill it, literally, to the roof.

Once inside, it’s hard telling what you might find. If he’s ever lost it, it’s probably in there.

However, Bidwell is vowing to change that perception of him. To start, he’s going to clean his messy office.

He managed to fill a recycling bin full with old papers outside his office one day back in January. Some dated back more than three years. “I have no idea why I kept that,” he recalls.

Despite the progress he’d made that day, he had to scoot boxes back in to his office because the janitors told him he couldn’t keep his stuff in the hallway.

“I’ll have it all cleaned up by Friday,” he says. “Or Saturday, anyway.”

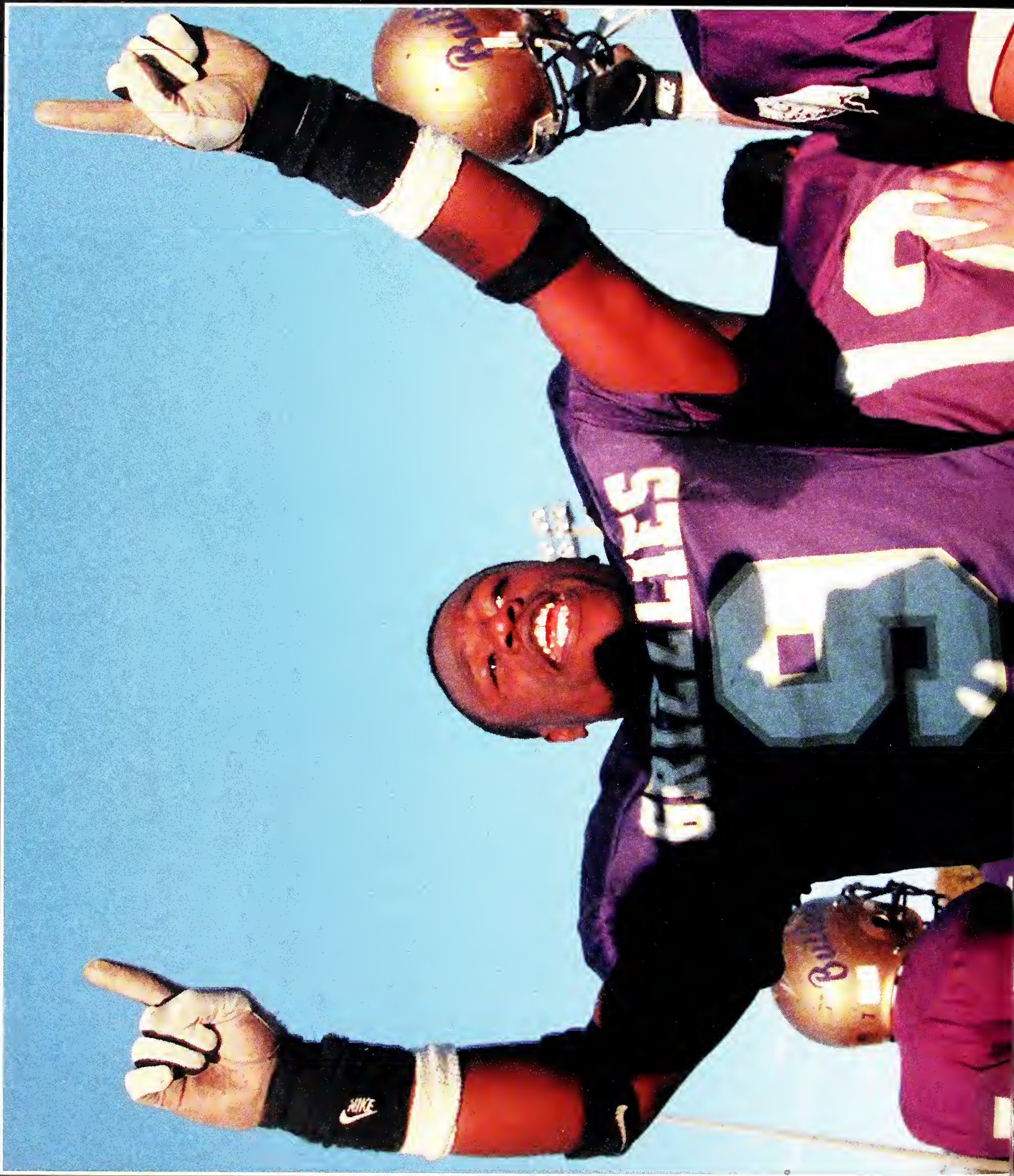




Grizzly Spotlight

Butler's Michael Jackson, right, tries to steal the ball away from Cloud County's Justin Steinbrock during the second half of the January 23 meeting. Butler won 81-55. At the end of January, their record is 4-4 in the Jayhawk Conference and 15-6 overall.

Photo by Mike Shepherd.





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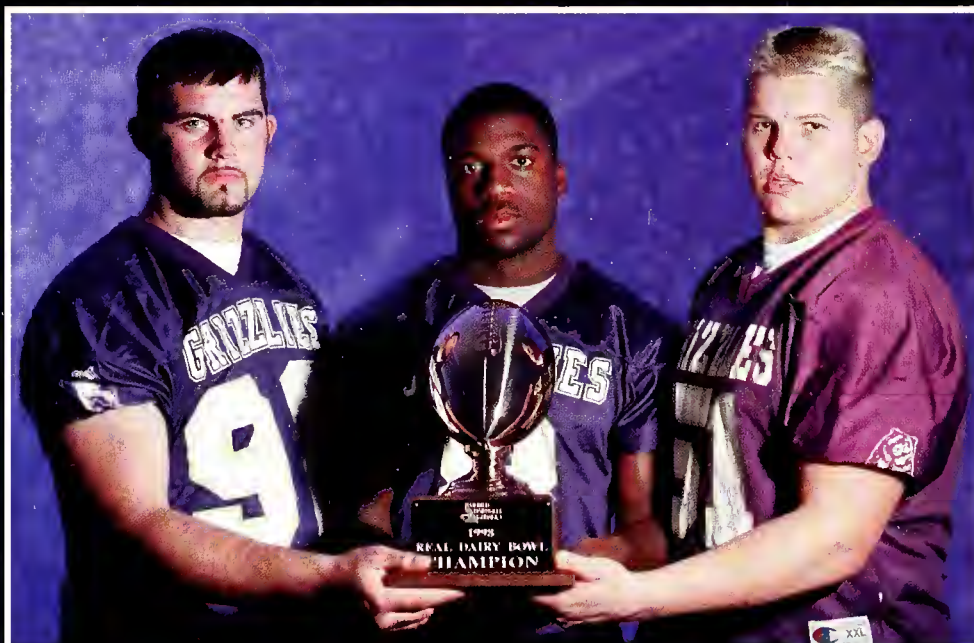
The No. 2 ranked Grizzlies traveled to Idaho and defeated Ricks College 22-18 to bring home the National Junior College football title – the college's first since 1981.




*Top photo Of Carl Nesmith after the Grizzlies won the Jughawk Conference Title by Justin Hayworth
Bottom photo of the cross the players made to signal their bowl game victory at a Basketball game by Mike Shepherd*



There were six – count ‘em, six – captains on the football team, a symbolic representation of just how talented the Grizzlies were in ‘98. Pictured to the right are Jared Page, Corey Harris, and AJ Blazek. The other three not pictured are Josh Allen, Andy Guhr, and Jermaine Petty. Photo by Mike Shepherd.





Tailback Rudi Johnson runs up the field for a huge gain in the second-round playoff game with Hutchinson. Several inches of rain the week after Halloween turned Galen Blackmore Stadium into a swamp. Photo by Justin Hayworth.

BRINGING HOME THE TROPHY

The clearance lights glowed like orange Christmas decorations and the engines rumbled like only diesels can as assistant football coach Steve Braet stuffed one last bag into the lead charter bus luggage compartment. Meanwhile, head coach James Shibest finished an interview for KAKE-TV.

"This is going to be a long 20-hour ride, but a fun one. When the number one team is going to play the number two team, everyone's excited," he said.

With those comments, the cameraman's light turned off and Shibest stepped onto the bus. Within minutes, two Village Charter motor coaches rolled out of the parking lot to the cheers and applause of fans on their way to Idaho, with championship dreams on board.

Whether the Grizzlies would come back to Kansas with a championship would have to wait a week to be seen. To some, the wait seemed as long as the season itself. But if the gridiron stars that proved the skeptics wrong all season were successful in just one more effort, then the wait would definitely be worth it.

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Travis Hare and
Mike Shepherd



Carl Nesmith carries the ball up the field in Garden City in Butler's most crucial win of the season. Photo by Justin Hayworth.

August heat

After losing prospect tailback Leo Mills to Division I Arizona, it was up in the air as to who would play that position. And as far as the air goes, it was hot, damn hot, as heat indices soared well above a hundred for several days in a row. The deaths of two Wichita-area high school players due to the heat caused concern for folks around the Butler camp.

The loss of Mills took care of itself when Virginia freshman Rudi Johnson stepped up during the preseason Purple and Gold scrimmage. Shibest put Johnson on the roster and every one seemed ready for the first game against Northeastern Oklahoma, the 19th ranked team in the nation.

"I feel we have a good chance to win," said offensive lineman AJ Blazek of the then-ranked No. 20 Grizzlies. "If we go right at them on offense and fly around them on defense, I have no doubt we'll win."

It was that confidence that carried the Grizzlies through that game and for the rest of the season. "We have real high expectations, not just for this game, but for the entire season," Shibest said.

Preparing for war

The Grizzlies took an 11-spot jump in the polls to No. 9 after defeating non-conference NEO. That was a big win for the Grizzlies because NEO had beaten them the year before and were thought to be the better team. But

that game was over now and it was time for league play to start. The victims: Independence, which was shut out 29-0 and Grizzly full-back Marcus Childs who suffered a broken leg.

Coach Shibest said after the next match with Coffeyville that his players needed to be ready to go to war. That's exactly what that game had been as it took two overtimes to knock off their second ranked opponent. Butler had been up by 14 late in the fourth when the Red Ravens mounted their comeback with two touchdown passes. But two overtime field goals by Adam Stiles sealed the win, rebuilding his reputation as a kicker. Even the radio announcers were doubtful that Stiles could make the game-winner.

Right and bottom photos: Freshman tailback Rudi Johnson rushed for over 1,600 yards in just seven starts this season. He collected 196 in the playoff game with Garden City. Photos by Justin Hayworth.

"There was a lot of pressure on me," Stiles said. "I missed a few kicks earlier and (the team) was relying on me to make them."

Gearing up for Garden

The Grizzlies carried their three game winning streak to Hutchinson for their first road test of the season in late September. Things didn't look good early on as Butler was quickly down 12-0.

"The slow play of the offense in the first quarter was basically my fault," said sophomore quarterback Josh Allen. "I made a few bad reads and misthrew the ball."

However, Butler scored three times before the half on a two-yard run by Andy Guhr, a fumble recovery by Jermaine Petty and Allen's 46-yard pass to Damon Richardson. Hutchinson countered with two more touchdowns to take the half time lead 25-20. That kind of scoring will happen when a defense gives up over 200 yards as Butler did that game.

But Butler dominated the sec-



ond half, holding the Blue Dragons scoreless while scoring 19 of their own, winning 39-25. While neither of them scored, tailbacks Kaylon Price and Johnson combined for 303 yards of rushing offense, making key advances in field position for the Grizzlies.

"It always helps to have two great tailbacks like Price and Johnson," Shibest said after the game.

Mills who?

A game with Fort Scott would be the last test before the impend-

ing shootout with Garden City way out west. The Grizzlies passed 20-7 in what was pretty much a ho-hum game.

"The defense played well. We let them score on that one stupid play. Other than that, they couldn't do anything on us," said Eli Palmisciano, a linebacker.

Stupid plays would have to be kept to a minimum in the next game. After all, Garden City was then the No. 2 team in the nation and hadn't given up a touchdown all season. Vic Penn, their quarterback, had also passed for 1,500 yards.

"This is definitely one of our biggest games," Jermaine Petty said.

"A very, very good game."

Defense was the key in defeating Garden City. A fumble recovery early in the first quarter set up a Carl Nesmith-Chad Lafferty touchdown combination. Add that to Stiles' earlier field goal and Butler had an early 10-0 lead. Thirteen seconds into the second quarter a Bronc Buster pass was intercepted, which set up another field goal. Butler now led 13-0.





They carried that lead into halftime.

Garden City had won the opening coin toss and deferred to the second half. Although they got the ball to start the second half of play, they turned it over quickly as Butler's Jermaine Francis intercepted a pass and returned it 48 yards for the score. Add the extra point and the Grizzlies were up by an amazing 20 points on the second-ranked team.

Garden got on the board near the end of the third quarter after the snap went over punter Stiles' head. The Bronc Busters picked it up in the end zone for an easy six. Butler answered right back with another touchdown and field goal to knock off Garden 30-15.

"We played a very, very good game," Coach Shibest said after the game. "The kids like a chal-

lenge and were prepared to play."

The Grizzlies' win took Garden out of the top five and catapulted Butler to the number three spot, where they would remain until they would meet Garden City again.

Cloud 9 complacency?

Coach Shibest was a little worried after the Garden City defeat that his players might not be ready to take on Highland – the Jayhawk Conference's little team. Sometimes it is easy to underestimate the capabilities of your opponent when you are on Cloud 9. And at this point in the season, it was starting to get around town that El Dorado had a serious contender on its hands.

But the worry was for nothing as the Grizzlies tackled Highland



in the mud in northeast Kansas. The first of three Mud Bowls the Grizzlies would have to play.

This put Butler's record at 7-0 heading into homecoming weekend with visiting Dodge City. "I expect a big crowd," Coach Shibest said. "People have got to be excited with the way things are now.

"We have to be focused and understand the importance of each and every game we play. It's all mental. If we come ready to play, we can beat any team in the country."

Just wait.

Home, sweet home

"We let them score on that one stupid play. Other than t



At this point in the season, it didn't matter how the Grizzlies were winning. The point is they were and everybody was happy and excited. But in this game, they won big. They were only up by one after the first quarter, 8-7. But behind three touchdown runs by Andy Guhr and a kickoff return by Carl Nesmith, Butler sailed easily 52-7 over Dodge. The final point summed up the game—an extra point kicked by AJ Blazek.

The center.

The win sealed the home field advantage for the Grizzlies throughout the playoffs. And at 8-0, this was Shibest's first undefeated season at Butler after arriving in 1996.

This also happened to be the Homecoming game. Marcus Childs, who had been injured in the first game was crowned king, and Megan Keim was crowned queen during halftime.

Trash talking

It was cold and it was wet. Correction: It was freezing and there was a flood.

The first round playoff game with Fort Scott could have been a close game except someone forgot to tell Rudi Johnson that you're not supposed to be able to run well in monsoon-like conditions. Johnson, the freshman tailback from Virginia, carried the ball 35

Far left: Give credit to Butler's defense for holding up all season, sometimes in undesirable weather. Thane Bernbeck and Jason Peter stop Hutchinson's Tom Grow in the mud. Left: Jermaine Francis celebrates after Butler recovered a fumble in the same game. Butler finished fourth in the nation on total defense. Photos by Justin Hayworth.

times for 231 yards in the 28-0 win on the weekend that rain flooded most of Butler County. This was good because there was absolutely no passing game. Between the two teams, there were four pass attempts and all were incomplete.

Butler was now all but assured a bowl game. But with two more playoff games remaining, there was still some more unfinished business to take care of, including the trash-talking Hutchinson Blue Dragons, who talked the talk, but fell down trying to walk.

The first quarter saw three scoring drives; a 25-yard run by Johnson, an interception by Corey Harris, and a pass from Allen. This quickly put the score at 21-0. Things were quiet in the second half as a field goal by Adam Stiles was the only points added to the board.

But in the third quarter alone, Butler scored 28 points, as many as they had allowed in the previous four contests. And the same familiar names led the way. Nesmith had another kickoff return, this one for 77 yards. Rudi Johnson broke free for an 86-yard touchdown dash and Jermaine Francis returned a blocked punt. The final score of the quarter came on a 20-yard run by Kaylon Price, who had 101 yards on nine carries in his first game back after a quadricep injury. Price added another touchdown in the fourth.

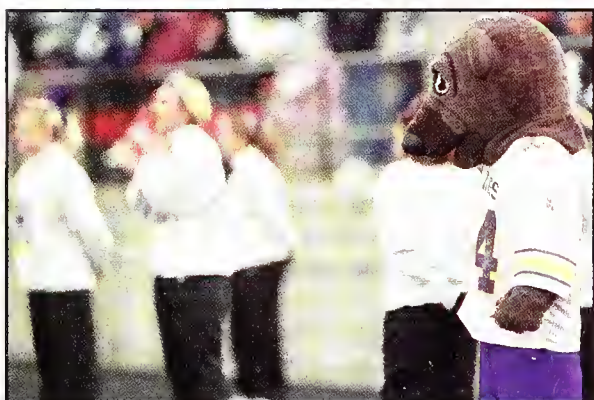
Hutch finally scored with six minutes left in the game, well after most of Butler's starters had sat down. The final score: us 59, them 8.

t, they couldn't do anything on us."

*A look back
game by game...*



Game 1: BCCC 23
NEO 14



Game 2: BCCC 29
Indy 0



Game 3: BCCC 20
(2 OT) Coffeyville 17



Game 4: BCCC 39
Hutch 25

"If we come ready to play, we can

Late scare

When Garden City rolled into town for the Jayhawk Championship, it had revenge on its mind. And rightly so, since Butler had knocked them out of national championship contention with a win earlier in the season in Garden City.

The Bronc Busters came out early and scored a quick 10 points against a sluggish Butler defense. Their first score came after a Grizzly fumble.

But an interception by Jermaine Francis right before halftime sparked a turn around for the Grizzlies and put them back in the game. It also put several anxious Butler fans back on their feet, as they had been silenced by Garden City's domination.

Midway through the third, Carl Nesmith scored on a 10-yard run after Garden City's fake punt failed. They led by one going into the fourth.

An Adam Stiles season-best 40-yard field goal and another Johnson touchdown run sealed the 24-13 victory and Jayhawk Championship—the school's first since 1995.

One more game

But they weren't through yet. They had one more game to win in Idaho. "We've enjoyed the success we've had but we want to finish it out," quarterback Josh Allen said. "No one wants to lose the last game of the season."

Indeed, a loss would certainly taint a great season with a cloud of "what-ifs."

"If we slip up now nobody will remember we were undefeated," said Shibest. "They'll just remember we lost."

No need to worry about that.

Gone bowlin'

On the opening drive of the Real Dairy Bowl, the Ricks Vikings fumbled the ball and allowed the Grizzlies to recover it. A few plays later the Grizzlies scored on a Rudi Johnson touchdown. The extra-point attempt failed and the Grizzlies led 6-0.

The Grizzlies got the ball back again after forcing Ricks to punt. Adam Stiles then hit a 37-yard field goal to go ahead 9-0.

It looked like it was going to be all Grizzlies until the Vikings finally scored with just 26 seconds to play in the first quarter. The Grizzlies still had a slight edge over the Vikings, 9-7.



Game 5: BCCC 20
Ft. Scott 7



Game 6: BCCC 30
Garden City 15

beat any team in the country."

The fans had more to cheer about soon enough when Johnson broke free for another touchdown. The extra-point was bust again and the Grizzlies led 15-7.

Butler had the ball in the final minutes of the half and were driving until they were bombarded with several penalties that the crowd found to be questionable. Ricks got the ball and scored on a field goal after two more Butler penalties, both for roughing the kicker.

Butler went to halftime with their lead cut to 15-10.

The second half began and the Grizzlies were still being plagued by penalties. After another questionable call, this one on a pass interference that got the crowd really steamed up, the Vikings got into scoring position and took the lead for the first time, 18-15.

To make matters worse the Grizzlies starting quarterback Josh Allen went down with an injury and forced back-up quarterback Brad Grim to take a few snaps. Allen would return a few plays later.

The third quarter ended with the Vikings still winning 18-15. The score remained the same until late in the fourth quarter of the game.

The Grizzlies had the ball with just a few minutes left. You

sensed a feeling of immediacy in both crowds. The Vikings knew they had to make a defensive stand and the Grizzlies knew they had to score.

After a few small gains Allen stepped back in the pocket and sent off a rocket down the field to wide receiver Damon Richardson. Richardson caught the ball and ran a few steps into the end zone and gave Butler a late 22-18 lead.

Ricks got the ball back with a little over a minute to play. The Grizzlies defense knocked down four straight passes and ended the game—becoming the national champs.

The purple sea parted and flooded the field to congratulate their warriors on an excellent game. After the celebration the fans and players retired to their hotels and headed out early the next day. As one Butler fan put it, "Ricks' two-hour trip will be a lot longer than our 20-hour trip."

Back in August, head coach James Shibest—who would end up winning the National Coach of the Year award—had an idea his team would do well. He was a little off in his prediction, though.

"If we start out winning three or four games and finish well, we have a chance to be in the top 10," he said.

Well, coach, you finished No. 1.

National Junior College Football Champions!



Game 12: BCCC 22
Ricks 18



Game 11: BCCC 24
Garden City 13



Game 10: BCCC 59
Hutch 8



Game 7: BCCC 20
Highland 0



Game 8: BCCC 52
Dodge City 7



Game 9: BCCC 28
Fort Scott 0

The Grizzly 25

SETTING A NEW PACE

Story by Amy Train • Photos by Mike Shepherd

To the right: Lady Grizzly runners Deanna Litke, Jana Culp and Brenda Sommers round a muddy turn on their way to a seventh-place team finish at the national meet in November. Never before has a women's team from Butler placed higher than 10th.

Below: Women's coach Deb Torneden encourages Butler's runners as they race by.



A path not yet taken by a Butler women's cross country team was trod by this year's young group of women.

It has been seven years since a Butler women's team has qualified for the National Cross Country meet. But this year's squad accomplished more than just qualifying; they earned a seventh ranking heading into the meet, Butler's highest ever.

But they didn't just start the race in seventh. With strong performances by Cindy Dietrich and the Chaloupka twins, Stacey and Tracey, the women's team also finished seventh.

The seventh best team in Division One. Not too shabby.

It took extensive training and hard work to come away with a seventh placing at nationals, held this year at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

But to the squad, this accomplish-

ment never seemed impossible.

"Our goal the whole season was to make it to nationals. Then we realized we could finish in the top 10," Dietrich says of the team's record-setting finish.

Dietrich was the puppetmaster of the season, sealing an individual second-place finish at the Region VI meet. Her time of 21 minutes helped Butler place second as a team to Barton County in that meet.

"Our goal all along was to be in the top 10," says women's coach Deb Torneden. "We definitely surpassed that goal."

Butler women have not competed at the national level since 1992, when the women earned a 10th-place finish. They also placed 10th in 1989.

This year had been set aside as a rebuilding year for women's cross country. But the women have jumped on the right track in just the first year

of reconstruction. Six of the team's top eight runners are freshmen, says head cross country coach Fred Torneden. Besides Dietrich, the Chaloupkas also placed in the top 10 at the regional meet.

Last year, the squad was led by Kasey Sawyer, who was the only woman to compete at the national event. She broke her personal record by 30 seconds, but as a sophomore, she graduated, leaving the team without a clear leader.

But with the rising stars of the '98 campaign and the record-setting finish, the Tornedens' expectations shoot to an even higher level.

"We hope to recruit a couple of good, new runners and even go higher than this year," Deb Torneden says. "We know what is out there, so now it is time to obtain the higher goals."

Recruiting has always been a strong suit for the cross country pro-

gram, but this year may have been a little too easy.

"They kind of just fell in our lap this year," she says. She says that this year's group never dreaded a workout; they had strong discipline and worked hard.

"We approach it in a way that we want to work hard and accomplish something," she says. "And we want to get it done."

But the women weren't the only ones of praise this year, as the Tornedens' were voted Region VI Coaches of the Year. This honor came mainly because of the improvement of the women's program.

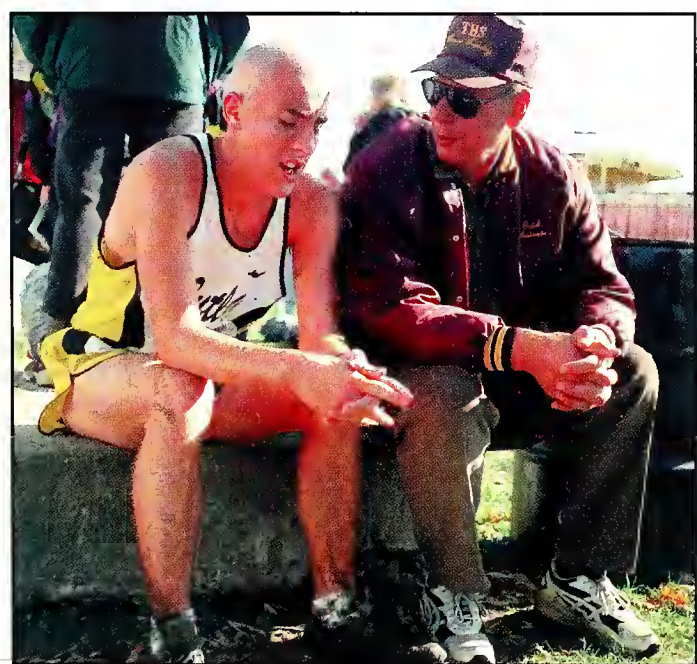
"This women's group has been extra special to our coaching staff," Fred Torneden says. "They are very coachable and an extremely intelligent group...they have been an absolute joy to work with."

More than four of the runners have maintained a 4.0 grade point average in the first semester of their college career, signifying their achievement in the classroom in addition to the race track.

The women weren't the only ones to compete as the men's race was held later that same day.

They repeated their performance of 1997 with another third place finish—this time with 93 points. The Butler men have finished third or higher at the national meet in the past four years and were the national champions in 1995.

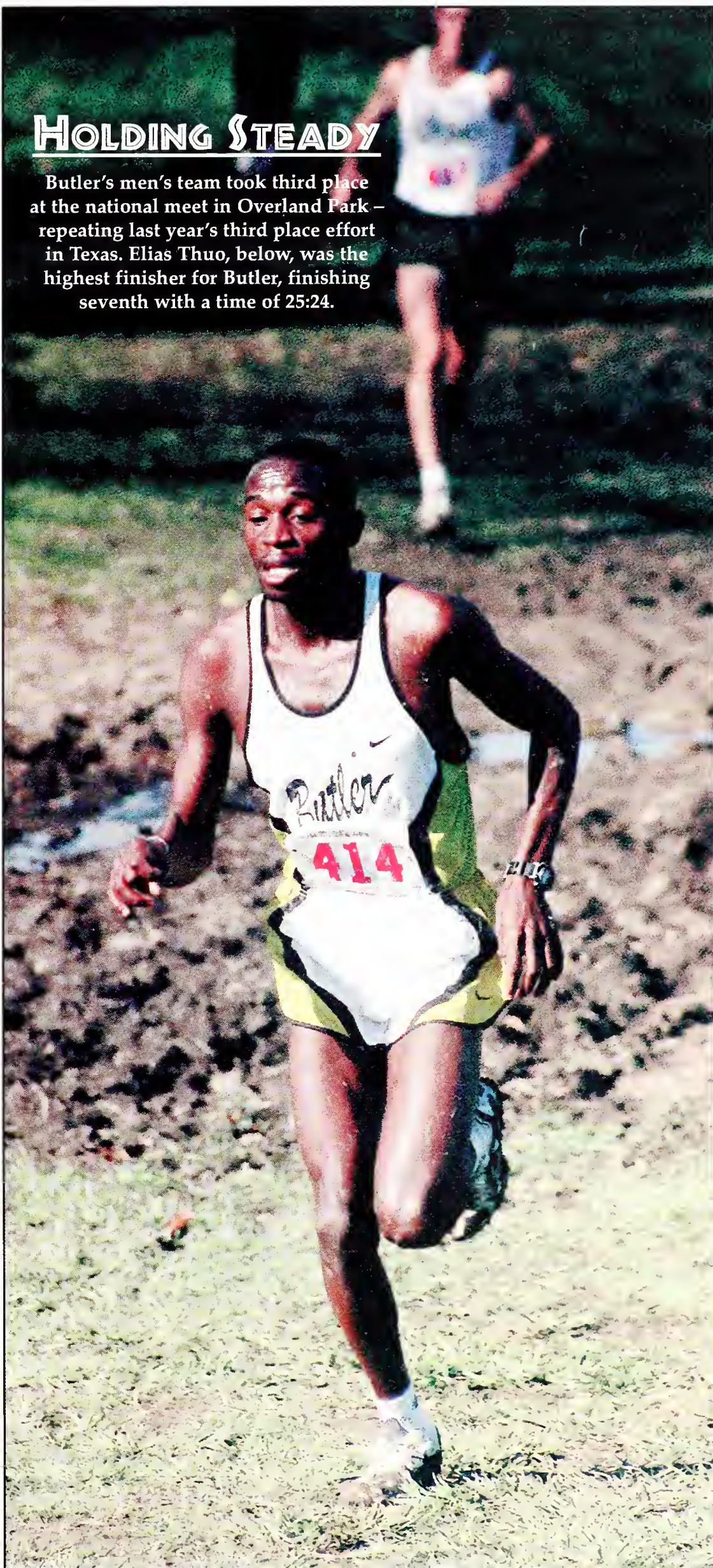
Conference foe Dodge City won the 1998 meet with 27 points. "That's got to be a record," Fred Torneden says. "We won it in '95 with 41 points."



Rob Marney talks with Dennis Andersen, his high school cross country coach from Torrington, Wyoming, after competing in the national race.

HOLDING STEADY

Butler's men's team took third place at the national meet in Overland Park—repeating last year's third place effort in Texas. Elias Thuo, below, was the highest finisher for Butler, finishing seventh with a time of 25:24.



Dean Book tells the world to **KISS** off



Dean Book, a DJ at 88.1 fm, is a huge fan of KISS. His collection of KISS stuff—records, posters, masks, guitars, and a bottle of wine, just to name a few things—fills up most of his El Dorado apartment. The band influences most of the music he plays on the air.



Story by Dave Kratzer
Photos by Mike Shepherd

March 1, 1977 was a turning point in little Dean Book's young life. Little did his grandma realize it at the time, but when she took her grandson downtown to what was then El Dorado's TG&Y store, she was enlisting the five-year-old boy in the army. The KISS Army. She was enabling the Kindergartner to pledge allegiance to the nation. The KISS Nation. She was turning the little boy over to the face-painting, fake-blood-spewing, ultra-loud, hard-rocking likes of Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Ace Frehley and Peter Criss.

Most little kids had nightmares about KISS. Be afraid. Be very, very afraid.

"My grandma bought me *Alive II* at TG&Y for my fifth birthday," recalls the 26-year-old Butler sophomore today. "It came with rub-on tattoos and books. First thing I did was rub the tattoos on my arms. I shouldn't have done it, I guess, because now they're worth a fortune."

Dean Book, who grew up to be a rocker--known far and wide for his band Hostility (1986-1997), and Gulch ("same band, just less filling," he jokes)--is obviously a charter member of one of the world's largest and loyal rock band fan clubs, but he is also an avid KISS memorabilia collector. His collection, which he began as a pre-schooler--are you, the reader, grasping this?--numbers thousands of pieces.

We're talking teddy bears, action figures, postcards, (authentic, used) guitar picks, a Paul Stanley autographed guitar, a Gene Simmons' autographed bass, comic books, movies, lunch boxes, Beanie Babies (yes, KISS Beanie Babies!), wine, trash cans, posters, magazines, Colorforms (remember them?), coloring books, puzzles, games, toys, not to mention albums, cassettes, CDs, and 50 or 60 T-shirts from concerts he's attended.

His most prized possession, he says, is a towel from a 1979 concert that has Gene Simmons' fake blood on it.

"While other kids in elementary school were trading baseball cards, I was collecting KISS cards," Book remembers. "I traded my baseball cards to them in exchange for KISS trading cards."

Goodbye, George Brett! Hello, Gene Simmons!

In high school, Dean Book temporarily lost interest in the KISS Nation as he explored his own musical path. At about the same time, KISS, the heavy metal group that can trace its roots way back to the early 1970s, had fallen into a slump. The band had become what Paul Stanley called "family entertainment."

When KISS captured the rock n' roll world's imagination with the face paint, the fake blood, the platform shoes,

the studded dog collars, the outlandish costumes and the lyrics that encouraged young Americans to throw caution to the wind, they couldn't crank out enough live albums to keep the faithful, like Dean Book, satisfied. But then the same merchandising appeals that lured Book and thousands of others into the Army backfired on the bad boys from New York.

"It became acceptable for a three-year-old kid to buy KISS dolls," Gene Simmons recalls on the group's video biography, *KISS: Extreme Close-Up*. "When we started out it was considered dangerous."

KISS was called satan worshippers: "Kids In Satan's Service," religious groups cried during the band's heyday. Members of the group once had blood drawn in order to throw into a vat of red ink for a 1977-78 Marvel Comics

comic book that was published in their honor. (Of course, Dean Book owns it.)

Rather than packing in the denizens of hell, KISS in the 1980s began attracting middle class families in minivans who came to see the legendary pyrotechnics, the painted faces, the on-stage hijinks and the costumes. KISS had become a cliché. Spewing fake blood was no longer shocking; it became shtick. A made-for-TV NBC movie portrayed the group as super heroes

and was targeted at Middle America.

But as the Eighties gave way to the Nineties, KISS began a comeback and Book was right there to chronicle the resurgence by snapping up memorabilia left and right. "Until 1996, the stuff was fairly easy to get," Books says. He met members of the band at a KISS convention in St. Louis in 1995. Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley autographed a real KISS logo tattoo on his leg. Stanley thought it was "very cool," and a picture of Book's signed tattoo was taken and published in the nine-pound, 500-page *KISSstory* book, which chronicles the group's exploits and interaction with fans at concerts and at conventions that are held all over the country.

Dean Book says that after the Beatles and Elvis, KISS has the largest universe of memorabilia for collectors. "A lot of the things that I buy, I buy two of them so I can take them to conventions to sell," he adds. "These KISS items are a good investment because the group has such a large, loyal following. They're always in demand."

And so that's the story how a little boy from El Dorado, Kan., came to join the KISS Army, the KISS Nation. That trip to TG&Y was more than a passing fad, or some trendy fashion. It was the beginning of a lifelong obsession.

"You could say my grandma changed my life that day," Book says.

While other kids were trading baseball cards, I was collecting KISS cards. I traded my baseball cards to them for KISS cards.

The Scarlet Letter gets an A

Review and photos
by Kim Gaines

Truth be known, Tammy Lewis didn't even want to try out for the lead role in *The Scarlet Letter*—Butler's last dramatic production 1998. But there she was, standing in the spotlight, telling the audience about Hester Prynne, the woman she was about to play.

"The funny thing is that I didn't even want to audition. I was terrified because it was a college production," Lewis says. "It wasn't until one of my friends was sitting with the play in her hands, getting ready to go and dazzle the director."

To her it was an unconscious taunting, at that point she felt like she really wanted a part. Not only because her friend was trying out, but because she felt like she could do a good job playing the part. The Monday after auditions, the list of cast members was posted on the callboard.

"Anytime you go and check a callboard, there are a million thoughts running through your mind. 'What could I have done better?' 'Did I get the part?' 'Do I really want to know?' 'If I didn't, how will I deal with it,' " Lewis says.

Because of the thoughts that were going through her head, she really wanted to be able to read the callboard without anyone else around, that way she could deal with the results on her own.



As it turned out, though, Lewis had nothing to worry about.

The Scarlet Letter is set back in days of old when the witch trials were being held in New England. The story is about a young widow—that's Lewis—who falls in love with the town reverend, Arthur Dimmesdale, played by John Sommerhauser. She ends up having a child and is labeled by the community as an adulterer. Then when everything seems to be settling in the community, her long lost husband comes to the town and haunts her.

Lewis has always known that she wanted to be in theater. "I like being in front of people," Lewis says. "If I couldn't act professionally, then I want to bring those experiences to someone else."

Top: Roger Chillingworth, played by Patrick Herd, gets his revenge on Hester by making her feel bad. Left: Mistress Hibbins, played by Brandy Meyers, comforts Pearl, played by Kimberly Hughes. Opposite page: In the opening scene, Hester is in jail for adultery.



That's why she is double-majoring in theater and secondary education.

The Scarlet Letter was the first opportunity Lewis has had at the college level to perform. While she was taking on her first college role, she was also holding down 14 to 16 hours a week at the Information Services office, attending class 13 hours a week on top of going to play practices every night from 6-9:30 or 10 p.m.

As far as the play itself, it was breathtaking to see the set with its trees standing in the background, bold colors filling in between and the actors portraying their characters with a smoothness that only comes with practice. It was hard to tell who were the veteran actors on stage and who were performing on stage at Butler for the first time. The more you sat there, the more you felt like a part of it all.

"It was really an awesome experience," Lewis says. "I really enjoy doing something that I truly love."



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—Tammy Lewis, on playing the part of Hester Prynne in *The Scarlet Letter*



Grizzly Spotlight

The Grizzly mascot repairs the net during halftime of the game between Butler and Hutchinson on January 13. The Lady Grizzlies won their game 65-60 and the men won their game 72-61 to complete the double-header sweep, only after the net was repaired.

Photo by Mike Shepherd